

FISCAL NOTE

TO: Chief Clerk of the Senate
Chief Clerk of the House

FROM: James A. Davenport, Executive Director

DATE: January 23, 1996

SUBJECT: **HB 1552 - SB 1653**

This bill, if enacted, will add to the elements of the offense of failure to appear if a person does not report back to court to explain failure to pay fines or costs when ordered to do so or to document the completion of a condition of probation or otherwise that was imposed by the court. The penalty would be a Class E felony if the original offense was a felony and a Class A misdemeanor if the original was a misdemeanor.

The fiscal impact from enactment of this bill is estimated to be an increase in local government expenditures for incarceration. The amount of such increase cannot be determined but is estimated to be not significant. It is also estimated that enactment of the bill will result in an increase in state expenditures of \$22,500 for incarceration*. This estimate is based upon five convictions per year receiving a sentence of one year with 30% or 110 days actually being served at a cost of \$40.93 per day.

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.


James A. Davenport, Executive Director

**Section 9-6-119, TCA, requires that: For any law enacted after July 1, 1986, which results in a net increase in periods of imprisonment in state facilities, there shall be appropriated from recurring revenues the estimated operating cost of such law.*